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Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Sept. 26	Dictator.....	New Orleans, via Cape Gracias, Nicaragua.	22	16	0
27	Chelston.....	New York, via Prinzapulca, other Central American ports, and Inagua, West Indies.	27	1	0

NOTE.—Temperatures of all on board steamship *Dictator* taken day of sailing; all normal.

Twelve days ended October 12. Present officially estimated population, 2,500. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Mosquitoes present in large numbers, chiefly *Stegomyia calopus*.

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Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Oct. 1	Marietta di Georgio.....	New Orleans, La.....	19	9	0
12	Dictator.....	do.....	22	10	0

NOTE.—Temperatures of all on board taken day of sailing, all normal.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Report from Manila—Cholera in Manila—Status of cholera in the provinces—Inspection of vessels.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports September 15:

Week ended September 11. Twenty cases of cholera, with 13 deaths, were reported for the city of Manila.

Cholera in the provinces.

Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
Ilocos Norte.....	18	10
Bohol.....	11	9
Cebu.....	52	43
Bulacan.....	82	65
Oriental Negros.....	75	59
Bataan.....	11	9
Tarlac.....	15	12
Camarines.....	50	36
Total.....	314	248

Diligent effort has been made to trace the origin of the infection in the city of Manila, but so far nothing definite has developed. The indications are that the outbreak was due to infected food, probably fish, from the Province of Bulacan, in which the disease has been continuously present during the past few months and from which a large amount of the fish consumed in the city of Manila is obtained. So far the disease has been confined mostly to sailors and fishermen, and almost all of the cases have occurred in Tondo district.

The disease has also been carried by fish to the Province of Bataan, which is situated on the other side of the bay from Manila. The type of the disease is very virulent in character, most of the patients dying a few hours after being seized.

Cholera has also gained a foothold in the port of Cebu, and there is great danger of the disease being spread throughout the densely populated island of Cebu, in which event a general outbreak in the southern islands is to be expected. At Cebu the service has imposed a 48-hour outgoing quarantine detention upon vessels bound for noninfected ports.

On account of the general vigilance which is being exercised throughout the islands, and on account of the infection being widespread, it has not been deemed advisable to impose an outgoing quarantine detention upon vessels leaving the port of Manila. General warnings have been sent out, and boats are inspected at ports of arrival.

Consular bills of health issued:

September 10, the United States Army transport *Sheridan*, from Manila to San Francisco, with 192 in crew, 181 cabin and 1,025 steerage passengers, was granted a bill of health. Members of crew and steerage passengers bathed, and their effects disinfected. Ship partially disinfected.

September 11, the Norwegian steamship *Henrik Ibsen*, en route from Hongkong to Portland, Oreg., with 38 crew and 1 passenger, was granted a supplemental bill of health. Personnel and cargo inspected prior to sailing.

RUSSIA IN ASIA.

Report from Vladivostok—Cholera.

Consul Maynard reports, September 22:

Six cases of cholera were discovered in the Korean village, a suburb of Vladivostok, September 17, and additional cases were reported at the rate of one a day, all in the same quarter. Additional cases have been discovered in various parts of the city. The disease now exists in epidemic form.

ZANZIBAR.

Report from Zanzibar—Examination of rats for plague infection.

Consul Garrels reports, September 17:

Week ended September 7. Rats received and examined, 1,234. No infection found. Week ended September 14. Rats received and examined, 1,369. No infection found.

FOREIGN AND INSULAR STATISTICAL REPORTS OF COUNTRIES AND CITIES—UNTABULATED.

AUSTRALIA—*Fremantle*.—Month of July, 1909. Estimated population, 261,563. Total number of deaths, 9. No contagious diseases reported.